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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116 (7 pp.) in response to the Final Official Action mailed November 20, 2006 and a Certificate of Facsimile Transmission in the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees listed in 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1265.

Yours very truly,

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a Final Official Action mailed November 20, 2006, which carried a shortened-statutory period for response of three months so that reply is due by February 20, 2007. This paper is being submitted within two months of the Action.

It is requested that the following amendments to the claims be entered: